

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2005**

Chairman Mauceri called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 14 at Town Hall in the presence of members Mr. Veno, Mr. O'Leary, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Dardeno and Town Administrator Greg Balukonis.

1. MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 REGULAR SESSION

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

2. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was requested.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. 7:35 PM MEET WITH RECYCLING COMMITTEE - "LOSE WEIGHT NORTH READING"

Members of the Recycling Committee were present to kick off their "Lose Weight North Reading" recycling campaign. Mr. Mauceri reminded residents that recycling is now being picked up on a weekly basis.

8. ACCEPT DEED - WHEELER PROPERTY

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACCEPT THE DEED FROM EDWARD C. WHEELER AND ELLEN R. WHEELER, TRUSTEES OF THE WHEELER REALTY TRUST, OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING DEEDS RECORDED WITH THE MIDDLESEX SOUTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 21283, PAGE 400 AND BOOK 21283, PAGE 403, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE VOTE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 20 OF THE TOWN MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2005.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

The documents were signed and notarized.

9. APPROVE / SIGN GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND BANS

Bond

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF \$13,115,000. BOND AT 3.798% DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 PAYABLE TO A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.

SECONDED BY: MR. DARDENO
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Bans

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF \$6,000,000. BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AT 2.891% DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 AND DUE SEPTEMBER 22, 2006 PAYABLE TO ZIONS FIRST NATIONAL.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

10. APPOINTMENT – HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE FOLLOWING NAMES FOR APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2007:

PETER FORCELLESE, 8 MILL STREET

EDWARD SKEFFINGTON, 27 PINE RIDGE ROAD

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Mr. O'Leary indicated that there are still several vacancies on the Housing Partnership.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – STREET ACCEPTANCES

7:45 p.m. - Cobblers Lane

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT OF COBBLERS LANE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN DRAWN BY CEC LAND SURVEYORS, INC. DATED MARCH 16, 2004, BY SIGNING SAID PLAN AND REPORTING TO THE TOWN.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY

Mr. Mauceri opened the public hearing. There was no public comment. Mr. Mauceri closed the public hearing.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

7:50 p.m. - Furbish Pond Lane

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT OF FURBISH POND LANE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN DRAWN BY BENCHMARK SURVEY DATED DECEMBER 10, 2004, BY SIGNING SAID PLAN AND REPORTING TO THE TOWN.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY

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Mr. Mauceri opened the public hearing. Ms. Griffin stated that the town is still waiting for the developer to resolve the sidewalk issue. Mr. Mauceri closed the public hearing.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

7:55 p.m. - Deer Run Drive

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT OF DEER RUN DRIVE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN DRAWN BY O'NEILL ASSOCIATES DATED JANUARY 24, 2005, BY SIGNING SAID PLAN AND REPORTING TO THE TOWN.

SECONDED BY: MR. DARDENO

Mr. Mauceri opened the public hearing. Ms. Griffin stated that the developer is making progress on the outstanding issues. Mr. Mauceri closed the public hearing.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

8:00 p.m. - Deerfield Place

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO ACCEPT THE LAYOUT OF DEERFIELD PLACE AS SHOWN ON A PLAN DRAWN BY O'NEILL ASSOCIATES DATED JULY 26, 2005, BY SIGNING SAID PLAN AND REPORTING TO THE TOWN.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY

Mr. Mauceri opened the public hearing. Mr. Whitehouse of 2 Deerfield Place was concerned with two incomplete items pertaining to the development; street lighting and public access to Harold Parker State Forest. Ms. Griffin addressed the issues stating that the developer knows that the street will not be accepted until these demands are met. Mr. Mauceri closed the public hearing.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

6. MEET WITH CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members of the Cable Advisory Committee were present. Ms. Ruth Kennedy, Chairman of the committee, distributed a memo entitled "Preliminary Licensing Requirements for Verizon Cable License" and made a presentation. Ms. Kennedy stated that the committee is in agreement that this is an excellent opportunity for the town and reviewed the items they would like to include in the Issuing Authority Report (IAR). A discussion followed.

The board agreed that the Cable Advisory Committee should move forward with the IAR with the help of town counsel.

11. OCTOBER TOWN MEETING

Informational Hearings (continued)

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Article 2 Police Station Renovations

Mr. Mauceri stated that the board will review at the October 3, 2005 meeting.

Article 3 Citizen Petition – Amend Zoning Map

Mr. Mauceri stated that the board has approved this article.

Article 4 Amend FY2006 Operating Budget

The board reviewed the changes with Mr. Balukonis. Mr. Jervy asked for clarification on some topics. With regards to the School Department's request for an additional \$43,900 for a new pre-school/kindergarten teacher, Dr. Troughton described the situation with the kindergarten enrollment and the need for an additional teacher. The cost of the benefits for this employee was discussed.

Article 5 Prior Year's Bill

The board approved this article.

Article 6 Snow and Ice Deficit

Mr. Balukonis reviewed this article with the board.

Article 7 Amend Article 19 of the April 2005 Town Meeting – Fund Retirement Obligations

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. O'LEARY MOVED TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 7,
AMEND ARTICLE 19 OF THE APRIL 2005 TOWN MEETING – FUND
RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS.

SECONDED BY: MR. DARDENO
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Article 8 Lease / Purchase DPW Street Sweeper

Mr. Hanlon described the current situation in the street sweeping industry, and the benefits to the town should the decision be made to lease a sweeper.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO RECOMMEND ARTICLE 8, LEASE /
PURCHASE DPW STREET SWEEPER.

SECONDED BY: MRS. BAILEY
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Article 9 Capital Expenditures

Police Department

d. Ballistic Vests \$30,000

Lt. Nolan distributed and discussed his document entitled "NRPD Replacement Ballistic Vest Program".

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MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF \$30,000 TO PURCHASE BALLISTIC VESTS.

SECONED BY: MR. O'LEARY

Mrs. Bailey asked what the funding source would be. Mr. Mauceri stated that it would come from free cash.

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Fire Department

- b. Pumper \$370,000
- c. Heavy Duty Pickup \$ 35,000

Chief Harlow described the age and condition of the vehicles. There was a discussion about bonding the pumper.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO GO FORWARD WITH BONDING THE PUMPER.

SECONED BY: MR. DARDENO
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

School Department

The maintenance garage and system wide unit ventilators were discussed as items that should possibly be bonded.

Mr. Mauceri stated that there was a consensus to fund out of the unused balance on modular classrooms the following items:

- j. Maintenance Garage Repairs \$25,000
- k. System Wide Unit Ventilators \$40,000
- l. High School Fire Alarm Panel \$10,000

for a total of \$75,000. Mr. Dardeno suggested that the remaining \$3,740 be added to the maintenance garage repairs and board members agreed.

Police Department

- e. 3 Cruisers \$75,000

Detective Romeo described the condition of the vehicles.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO REPLACE THE THREE UNMARKED VEHICLES THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED.

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Mr. Mauceri asked how the purchase would be funded. Mr. Jervy stated that the board might look into bonding all three vehicles versus continuing to spend money on repairs. Mr. Mauceri stated that the options are to bond it or wait until April 2006. Mr. Veno stated that he is in favor of bonding the vehicles and sticking to a vehicle replacement program.

During this discussion, the DPW's Front End Loader (\$150,000) and 35,000 GVW Dump Truck (\$130,000) were brought up.

Mr. Mauceri stated that there is now \$725,000 worth of bonding on the table and recommended bonding one unmarked cruiser and the two DPW vehicles. Mr. Dardeno agreed with Mr. Mauceri but took issue with what appeared to be crisis management, stating that vehicles lend themselves to planning.

Mr. Veno stated that he would like to see the town acquire all three cruisers. Mr. O'Leary stated that this is a safety issue for employees and the public and he supports purchasing all three cruisers.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Department of Public Works

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MR. VENO MOVE TO BOND THE FRONT END LOADER FOR \$150,000 AND THE 35,000 GVW DUMP TRUCK FOR \$130,000.

SECONDED BY: MRS. BAILEY
VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

School Department

MR. CHAIRMAN, I MRS. BAILEY MOVE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S TECHNOLOGY LEASE FOR \$32,000 OUT OF FREE CASH AND TO FUND FROM UNUSED BORROWING FOR MODULAR CLASSROOMS ITEMS J. MAINTENANCE GARAGE REPAIRS FOR \$28,000, K. SYSTEM WIDE UNIT VENTILATORS FOR \$40,000, AND L. HIGH SCHOOL FIRE ALARM PANEL FOR \$10,000.

SECONDED BY: MR. O'LEARY
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Sign October Town Meeting Warrant

Rescheduled to Monday September 26, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

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7. TOWN OWNED LAND

Mr. James DeCola, Inspector of Buildings was present and reviewed his memo entitled "Town Owned Land" dated September 13, 2005. Mr. Mauceri asked Mr. DeCola to map the lots to be reviewed at a later date.

12. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Balukonis informed the board that the deed for the Wheeler Property is due to pass on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
- Mr. Balukonis informed the board that he had attended a Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency training session on Incident Command Systems for town officials on September 16th. The training, he said, is a prerequisite for receiving state and federal grant funds and that he will be looking into basic emergency management training for department heads in the upcoming months.
- Mr. Balukonis informed the board that Moody's has affirmed North Reading's a1 bond rating for \$13.1 million debt obligation.
- Mr. Balukonis informed the board that the State Inspector General had approved a request for waiving the bid requirements for lease of modular units to house the police department on a temporary basis.

9. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mr. O'Leary

- Mr. O'Leary stated that the property values of town owned buildings appear to be very low and should be investigated.
- Mr. O'Leary updated the board on the 40B developments in town.
- Mr. O'Leary stated that the Community Preservation Act should be looked into.

Mr. Dardeno

- Mr. Dardeno thanked the Cable Advisory Committee.

Mr. Mauceri

- Mr. Mauceri stated that the Inspector General had prepared a draft of conditions of sale with regards to the J. T. Berry property and that it was forwarded to the state representatives.
- Mr. Mauceri reminded everyone that the Apple Festival is this Saturday.

Mr. Veno

- None.

Mrs. Bailey

- Mrs. Bailey informed the board that the Infrastructure Committee has had its first meeting.
- Mrs. Bailey stated that she had recently asked Lt. Nolan about the lengthy police blotters and he informed her that drug problems in town are escalating. The police department will attend the October 3, 2005 meeting to provide an update.

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ADJOURN (11:20 PM)

I MR. O'LEARY MOVE TO ADJOURN.

SECONDED BY: MR. VENO

VOTED: UNANIMOUS (5-0)

Date

Joseph Veno, Clerk